March 25, 2020

Dear John Jay Graduate Students,

I am very impressed with the resilience that you, our students, and our faculty have shown in the face of this virus. In order to ease the difficulty of our forced and immediate transition to distance education, CUNY’s Chancellor has announced a few major changes for the semester.

1. A new recess was ordered beginning this Friday, March 27, through Wednesday, April 1, for classes recently moved to distance learning. Distance learning will resume on Thursday, April 2.
2. The previous Spring Recess will be shortened and now run from Wednesday April 8 through Friday April 10.
3. Schedule changes 1 & 2 do not apply to courses that were already fully online; they continue as previously scheduled.
4. Students will have 20 days after they receive their grades to decide if they want to convert any or all of their letter grades to Credit/No Credit (CR/NC). Consult with your program or veteran services to make sure this will not negatively impact your academic progress or financial aid.

Please reach out to your program director or to my office if you have a problem related to school (graduatestudies@jjay.cuny.edu). If you need help in other ways, please contact the Wellness Center at John Jay to see what other resources the College has available for our students.

Sincerely,

Avram S. Bornstein, Ph.D.
Interim Dean of Graduate Studies